

SPORTS

Zenit's confident tread

After Zenit beat Dnopr 1-0 (photo), and Minsk Dynamo lost to Donetsk Shakhtyor 0-2, the Leninograders and Spartak, who beat Neftch in Baku 2-0, retain chances for the title.

The leaders will play their two last games with Shakhtyor and Metallist at home, while Spartak will meet Tbilisi Dynamo in Moscow, Ararat in Yerevan and the local army club in Rostov-on-Don.



PEACE RACE STARTS NEXT MAY

On the international calendar of amateur cyclists the Peace Race, which has been held since 1948, has become one of

Auto rally: four qualify

The last-but-one stage in the 16th world auto championship in the Ivory Coast was really more than complex. Not surprisingly Swede Stig Blomqvist, who won his first world title, and came first to the finish 46 minutes ahead of his Audi teammate, Ann Henni Milkova, said he felt an immense relief to have come to the finish.

Only four crews out of 51 who entered the rally scored championship points. The other drivers failed to come within the prescribed time and were thus disqualified. The culprit was a sudden thick fog at one stretch, because of which they lost their way and got into bog-lands.

Really, the course of the 16th rally is even more complex than that of the ill-famed 1972 event, said a member of the organizing committee, Michel N'Goulié. In that rally none came to the finish, while now four men did, through great efforts.

This season this rally was not representative, since its results could no longer affect placings. The greater professionalism of all stages of the world championship has already led to the fact that amateur drivers cannot come in the top three and enter it less frequently, which is why the organizers have had to use all manner of enticements to have them compete. Thus local drivers were even offered free air tickets to Abidjan and free hotel lodgings. But as a result only professionals made the "top four" who came to the finish on time.

Boris MIKHAILOV

the most prestigious and popular events. It attracts sportsmen by the keenness of competition and those noble ideas which its participants carry along the roads of socialist countries — ideas of peace and friendship among peoples.

Dedicated to the victory of progressive mankind over fascist Germany, the Peace Race selected as its symbol the Dove of Peace. Next May this many-day event will start for the 35th time and will be devoted to the 40th anniversary of Victory over fascism. Unlike in previous years, the race, traditionally bold along routes in Czechoslovakia, Poland and GDR capitals, will this time be hosted by Moscow.

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Three stages will be held in the Soviet capital. The event will begin, as planned, on May 8 in Prague by the programme — individual time trials. On the same day the participants will fly to Moscow.

The USSR men's volleyball team won the first yet Cup of Japan, winning all seven games. In the closing game they beat the hosts 3-0 in Hiroshima. Los Angeles Olympics second and Japan third, followed by South Korea, Poland, China, Bulgaria and Mexico.

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OLYMPIANS HAVE ALREADY LEFT...

The USSR men's and women's teams have already left for the world chess Olympiad in the Greek town of Saloniki, but without the leaders. Anatoly Karpov and Gari Kasparov are still competing in Moscow for the world title. The world champion played White in the 23rd game. For the 11th time in the match, the opponents played the Queen opening. But from the seventh move the struggle went differently.

Still the result was customary for the spectators: the 14th successive draw was registered, bringing the total to 19. Karpov still leads 4-0. To win the match, either has to be the first to score six wins.

But who went to Saloniki? The men's team includes Alexander Belovatov, Lev Polugayevsky, Raufel Vaganian, Vladimir Tukmakov, Artur Yusupov and Andrei Sokolov — four main participants and two substitute players. The women's team includes Naya Chiburdanidze, Irina Levitina, Nona Gaprindashvili and Lidya Samonova (three main players and a substitute).

One of the most difficult stages in the competitions will be the second — on May 10 there will be a bunch race on a most difficult Olympic cycling course in Krytalekovo. Curiously, the winner of the latest Peace Race individual and team titles, Sergei Sukhoruchenko of Leningrad, became an Olympic champion on this course in 1980.

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Vladimir McNILLIN

Soviet handballers win

The USSR women's handball team beat Yugoslavia 26-24 in the decisive game of the Polar Cup to win the trophy. They won all their games to total 10 points with an excellent 128-76 goal difference at the International tournament at Trondheim. Yugoslavia came second and West Germany third.

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It is up to the USA

"It is up to the USA to join us in the search for real solutions to concrete problems," declared Konstantin Chernenko answering questions put by Zoltan L. Kalb, a correspondent of the US NBC TV network.

After all, the USSR and the USA must reach an agreement on the limitation and reduction of arms, first nuclear arms, and on averting the spreading of arms race into areas that as of yet are not ruled by it," said the Soviet leader.

"When we are confident, that there will be a successful summit meeting, with positive results, then it will be easy to determine where to hold this meeting."

Chernenko listed some of them. They are to be an agreement on averting the militarization of space, the freezing of nuclear arms both in quantity and in quality, and the conclusion of the work on the agreement on the complete and universal banning of nuclear weapon test.

Answering the question "Would you agree to meet with President Reagan within six months after the beginning of his second term on January 20, 1985 to discuss Soviet-US relations", the Soviet leader said:

"In our part, we are prepared to strive towards and to do so energetically. More than that, we have proposed practical, practical ways of achieving this goal."

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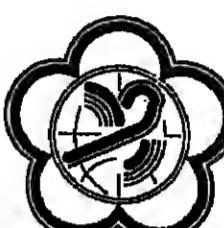
Round the Soviet Union

RADIATION FROM VIBRATING GALAXIES CAN BE RECORDED BY A NEW GAMMA TELESCOPE AT THE CRIMEAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY OF THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. The instrument registers superradiative electromagnetic waves with wavelengths less than one thousandth the size of an atom. These waves appear during powerful non-stationary processes in the pulsars and in the nuclei of galaxies. The main element of the telescope — a powerful serial — consists of 24 mirrors, 1.2 metres in diameter each. This

powerful installation is the first of this type to be erected in the Soviet Union. It will help astrophysicists in their studies into the formation of high-energy particles.

AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN MOSCOW HAS DISCUSSED JOINT STUDIES MADE BY SCIENTISTS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES INTO METAL BEHAVIOR IN OUTER SPACE. It was attended by specialists from Bulgaria, Hungary, Vietnam, the German Democratic Republic, Cuba, Poland, Romania, the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. The delegations outlined a programme for further joint experiments and discussed prospects for the development of cooperation as part of the Intercosmos programme.

Bolshoi soloists donate to festival fund



FROM the SOVIET PRESS

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ACTIONS

For the seventh time, in the Soviet Union, on the appeal from the World Peace Council, a Week of Action for Disarmament has been held, writes Yuri Zhukov, Chairman of the Soviet Peace Committee in PRAVDA. In the course of the Week in the USSR, 100,000 mass actions in defence of peace have taken place, with 53 million Soviet people taking part in the events.

A characteristic peculiarity of the massive anti-war protests mounted by the Soviet public in recent years has been a constantly growing awareness of the Soviet young people in the struggle against the nuclear threat, notes Yuri Zhukov.

Many actions have been carried out by the artistic workers — writers, actors, artists, as well as scientists.

In the course of many anti-war actions, the Soviet people adopted appeals to the United Nations Organization in which they stressed their support for the efforts by the international community in strengthening peace and worldwide security.

That night the Kremlin Palace of Congresses, seating 6,000, hosted a fund-raising concert by young Bolshoi soloists which began with the first act of Tchaikovsky's ballet "Swan Lake".

Taking part were renowned ballet dancers like Boris Akimov, Nadezhda Pavlova and Vyacheslav Gordeyev, Alla Mikhaichenko and Yuri Vasylchenko, as well as

noted singers Vladimir Meleshko and Galina Kalinina.

The proceeds were donated to the fund of the 12th International Festival of Youth and Students to be held in Moscow next summer.

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'BALL OF GRACES' QUEENS



Two "queens" mounted the top step of the podium of the "Ball of Graces" as the present European rhythmic exercises championship in Vienna can be rightfully called. They are Galina Beloglazova of the USSR and Andelia Rantova of Bulgaria, college students from Astrikash and Sotle, respectively.

They made 38.85 points each to share the European overall title. These medals demanded from them not only artistry but tremendous effort, character and determination to win. Unlike the Los Angeles Olympics, where the event made its debut, all the top gymnasts competed in Vienna.

Dilyana Cetković of Bulgaria came third with 39.80 points, followed by teammate Lili Ignatova with 39.75, Dalia Krikalova of the USSR — 39.65, and Tatjana Drubichina also of the USSR — 39.25 points.

European rhythmic exercises championship award winners.



Top USSR trampolines competed at the 20th international championship. The Ukrainians did traditionally well in the event held at the Kiev Palace of Sport, winning four out of the six gold medals. Pictures: Flights under the roof. © Women's soloist champion I. Bludova to individual jump.

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ATTACK AGAINST THE SOVIET SURFACE CAFETERIA BY AMERICAN MARINES who killed 23 people including women and children and caused considerable damage.

"Stop the American aggression into Philippines domestic affairs" was the slogan carried by demonstrators who marched outside the American Embassy in Manila.

According to Israeli statistics, inflation in the country stood at 24.3 per cent by October. If this trend continues, the annual inflation growth rate will reach a fantastic figure, Reuters news agency reports.

Editorial

Washington has taken steps towards militarist aggression. In addition to the Persian Gulf and missile missiles, the agents of the Patriot anti-aircraft missiles have been deployed in Europe.

Representatives of the 41 countries have issued a note of protest against the planned withdrawal of Britain from the European Community.

The Nicaraguan foreign ministry sent a note of protest to the American Secretary of State, following an

Mengistu Haile Mariam: follow USSR's example

Addis Ababa. The struggle for peace on the planet and conversion of Africa into a nuclear-free zone are the most important tasks for the peoples of the continent, said the Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam. Speaking at a press conference here, he stressed that the attainment of these goals directly depends on the results of the talks on nuclear disarmament, which are consistently initiated and championed by the countries of the socialist community.

On the drought situation in his country, Mengistu Haile Mariam said that the government had launched a large-scale programme to eliminate the consequences of the natural disaster. Among other things, the measures provide for emergency aid to the population in the disaster areas as well as resettlement of 500 thousand people from the arid zone to more fertile lands.

The head of the Ethiopian state prized the assistance which the Soviet Union and other socialist countries had given the Ethiopian people in the cause of overcoming the consequences of the drought.

Hafez al-Assad: Washington ignores Arab interests

Damascus. Syria resolutely opposes the policy of terrorism in relations between countries, including the terror committed by Israel in Lebanon, Syrian President Hafez al-Assad said in a recent interview on French television. He sharply condemned the abuse of power by the Zionists in Lebanon and stressed that resistance to occupation is the duty and obligation of every citizen whose soil is underdenied by foreign invaders.

He criticized the American policy of giving the Israeli ex-



Do we hire 20,000 miners?

Unemployment—scourge of the West

Paris. Unemployment has become a regular disaster for 24 major capitalist nations in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and there are no signs for a change for the better in the immediate future, is the conclusion of a recent OECD council session.

According to the OECD Economic Policy Committee Chairman, an average seven to eight per cent of the labour force in the organization member-states are now unemployed. The hardest hit in this respect is Western Europe, he noted.

AMERICAN WEAPONS GO TO JAPAN

Tokyo. The Pentagon is speeding up the rate of its weapon deliveries from South Korea to Japan. This admission was recently made by the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo. The deliveries of large quantities of weapons from South Korea are carried out in view of the scheduled deployment of additional contingents of American troops to Japan.

Alarm bells throughout the planet

Ottawa, Canada. Active preparations have started for holding an international meeting in Ottawa under the slogan, Disarmament for Peace and Disarmament. The initiative for holding it has been put forward by the Canadian Peace Congress. Its President, J. Morgan, who set forth the motives which prompted the Canadian peace champions to hold this forum in

their country, said that the alarm bells can be heard not only in North America and Europe, but in all the parts of the world. The reason lies in the arms race which, under Reagan, has been put forward by the aggressive NATO bloc, while the anti-peace forces of the Canadian peace movement which prompted the Canadian peace champions to hold this forum in

Limits in the way of the military

Tokyo. Recently a group of so-called scientific leaders whom the Kyodo Tushin news agency describes as part of the "brain trust" of the Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, have drawn up a report in which they say that the government must once and for all give up the limitation of the military expenditure by the confines of one per cent of the gross national product. Echoing the military, the "scientists" suggest that the word "confines" should be removed and that the clause on the limitations should read: "The military expenditure of Japan should make up around one per cent of

VIEWPOINT

Dmitry VOLKOGONOV

Terrorism all the way!

Clouds of the danger of direct US invasion are gathering over Nicaragua. US adventurism in Central America increases, laden with military explosions. The reason for such a situation is clear: the US ruling circles are bent on eliminating the revolutionary achievements of the Nicaraguan people and rule the country as their own domain, like it had been in the past.

If we Washington's hope that the Sandinist National Liberation Front would not win the recent elections in Nicaragua, for this purpose, it sponsored the pene-

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trition of counterrevolutionaries and CIA henchmen into the country to sow terror, intimidate the people and spread provocative rumours. And what happened?

Over 80 per cent of all registered voters went to the polls to elect the country's president and vice-president, as well as the national assembly. Most of them voted for the Front candidates, giving them a convincing victory.

Foreign correspondents who covered the country's first free elections admitted that the people's will was exercised in conditions of democracy and revolutionary law and order.

But Washington, assessing the fact differently. The US president

hastened to claim the elections were non-valid — and by what calculations! The winners were not the people staked on by the White House, CIA and the Pentagon. Such is the political logic of those accustomed to view entire Latin America in the split of the notorious imperialist Monroe doctrine, under which the USA is the sovereign ruler in that part of the globe. Attempts by a group of neoliberals in the region known or the Comandos group, to peacefully settle the situation in Central America are being blocked by Washington by issuing an ultimatum to Nicaragua which in fact hinges on the renunciation of its revolutionary gains.

To cover up its large-scale war preparations Washington lied that there had been deliveries to Nicaragua of MIG fighters and other military hardware. The American press is full of rumours of a growing Marxist threat to the continent. The Pentagon claims there are now "communist military bases" in Nicaragua which are allegedly immensely dangerous to US national security, thus finding false justification for the practice of state terrorism and creating a situation that calls for an "inevitable" demonstration of American military might.

For many months now the US has been exerting of Nicaragua's shores, while new counterrevolutionary gangs and special US Army units are being thus has another confirmation that Washington's peace rhetoric is no mere than a camouflage.

Conference in Stockholm

Stockholm. The issues discussed at the Stockholm Conference on Confidence and Security-Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe are vital for improving the world situation and removing the threat of new world war. This explains the attention with which peoples in Europe and the entire world view the progress of our forum, chief of Bulgaria's delegation at the conference, Ambassador L. Petrov told a TASS correspondent.

As it is, a year will soon elapse since the start of the Stockholm forum, and no tangible results have been achieved so far. The conference ought to play an important role in improving the situation in Europe. But one should not forget that it itself is not shielded from events on the continent. Take, for example, the doctrine of dealing — in case of a conflict — non-nuclear blows along the entire depth of defence of Warsaw Treaty states ap-

proved the other day by the NATO military planning committee. This decision makes the concept of "screening" actively persistently advanced by NATO countries here at the conference.

'Halt the arms race!'

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serious situation has been created in Europe due to the acceleration of the arms race caused by the deployment here of new US medium-range missiles and American striving for military advantage.

Such a policy benefits neither the communists nor the people's development and blocking of new weapons by no means strengthens security but it makes peace more brittle instead. No nation can ensure security at the expense of others. A durable and lasting peace based on collective efforts is based on collective security.

SERVICEMEN UNDER INVESTIGATION

San Francisco. In California, a scandal has broken out in a state of disclosures that serve to the Pentagon, procurement, equipment and ammunition to a total of more than one billion dollars.

Federal authorities have had an investigation into a large-scale theft in the 140 military camp of Pendleton in the south of the state. Proceedings have been brought against some thirty servicemen who, according to the "Los Angeles Times", stole truck and small arms ammunition, uniforms, sleeping bags, and medicines.

For more than fifteen years, this is the second which has arisen from the South Vietnamese. The US authorities have been investigating the thefts in the great country, while the US president Shultz in Peking last year was marked by a series of successes scored by the US in strengthening its political and economic independence.

India Gandhi emerged

from the South Vietnamese

with the support of American

intelligence. Late last October a large group of representatives of the US Navy were arrested with a number of men who are accused of all regulations and machinations and theft. Among them, the Navy officials had large sums in billions in various contracts with firms for delivery of ships and planes. In addition, the US supplier companies with the same partners as the Navy, considerably increased the prices of their products.

The US policy

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A powerful wave of authoritarianism is rocking Chile. The people are denouncing that the Pinochet regime resists, repressive law is harshly applied, political prisoners held, unemployment eradicated, wages increased. Here you see police arresting a protester in Santiago.

Photo AP-TASS

AMERICAN BISHOPS CONDEMN

Washington. A large group of US Catholic bishops has condemned the US neocolonialist line towards African nations and Washington's support of the South African racist regime.

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HOME NEWS

Round the Soviet Union

A TEA FACTORY HAS BEEN BUILT NEAR MAKHARADZE, A CITY IN GEORGIA (A TRANSCAUCASIAN REPUBLIC). It will process the harvest from the plantations of this leading tea-growing district. Over the past three years the republic has built several large enterprises and small factories. This has eliminated the disproportion that existed between the quantity of green leaves and foliage for their processing. Now the factory receives only fresh leaves, which fact has noticeably increased the production of first and highest grade tea.

THE FLOODS OF THE PRIVATE RIVER IN BYELORUSSIA AND ITS TRIBUTARY BOBRICK WILL NOT DAMAGE FARM-LANDS. Far this 26 km-long dam has been built by land reclamation specialists. This helped start the development of boggy lands covering an area of 6,000 hectares for the new Molodchnitsa state farm. In the Byelorussian Polesya land reclamation specialists participate in the transformation of dozens of farms.

TAKEN UNDER STATE PROTECTION HAS BEEN A COPPIECE OF PLANE TREES IN THE CENTRE OF THE SHIRYAN STEPPE NEAR THE TOWN OF OEOFKHAII IN AZERBAIJAN, A REPUBLIC IN THE CAUCASUS. The main sight in the steppes are more than two hundred huge trees 30 metres high which tower over the entire forest of trees of rare varieties. The oldest tree is a thousand years old. The flora of Azerbaijan has more than 4,200 types of plants, of which four hundred are rare.

A NEW TELEVISION TOWER HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON AN ISLAND IN THE DAUGAVA RIVER IN RIGA, THE CAPITAL OF THE BALTIC REPUBLIC OF LATVIA. Uniquely designed the Riga TV tower is one of the ten tallest structures in the world. For the first time in world engineering, its tall aerial — 366 m — rests on three box-type whiplike metal pylons with walls of only 22 millimetres thick.



THE SUN AGAINST THE DESERT



The scientific industrial association Solntse (The Sun) of the Turkmenian Academy of Sciences and the Turkmenian Branch of the All-Union Institute of Sources of Electricity Kvant (Quantum), can justly be described as solar broiliers. They have their testing ranges in the town of Balkovo, near Ashkhabad. Their solar panels, which directly convert the energy of light into electricity, glister with the blue of their castellated iron-painted panels with semiconductor cells. The curiously shaped transparent photo reactors are used for growing chlorophyll. Their solar high-temperature furnaces make it possible to produce metal samples the purity of which cannot be obtained from other types of smelters. There, there is a whole array of water heaters for different purposes... All this can be observed in the 25 laboratories of the Solntse association and in the eight labs of the Kvant, which are developing renewable sources of energy, solar energy in this case, under a programme worked out by the USSR State Committee for Science and Technology.

Solar technologies have passed the stage of separate scientific experiments. At present, in the pipeline is a new "industry" that will make the

practical use of solar energy possible in entire industries and facilitate the replacement of traditional fuels with solar energy.

The solar industry promises to be particularly effective in the southern latitudes where the sun provides light and heat with excessive generosity. The quantity of solar radiation that falls yearly on two Central Asian deserts alone — the Karakum and the Kyzylkum — is several times higher than the annual requirements in this energy throughout the entire Soviet Union.

Pictures:
 At the right photo reactor for growing chlorophyll.
 Installation for direct conversion of solar energy in a small township of Ovezzhik, where the final desalinization plant has been built deep inside the Karakum Desert.

Farming on desert

A new state farm, Shukrashchek, has been set up on the Kurekum (Black Sand) which on the geographic maps of Tadjikistan (Central Asia) are shown in yellow colour signifying desert. An irrigation complex supplying water to the sand from the Pyandzh River will make it possible to start planting pomegranates, fig trees and oranges. A large lemon plantation is already being set up. Subtropical coppices will occupy an area of one thousand hectares.

Significant experience accumulated from growing citrus fruit in Tadjikistan has made it possible to set up a large orchard farm. Specialized farms

in the republic now occupy a leading position in the production of lemons in the country.

Electronically controlled equipment

Production of automated equipment for the manufacture of engineering workplaces has started at the Kiev Engineering Association in Kiev, the Byelorussian capital. Here electronic coppers lay out and cuts metal.

The new equipment can make not only semiautomatic engineering parts but also elements of buildings and other structures out of metal. Mobility is the characteristic of the working

mechanism of the new machine-tools, which makes it possible to cut metal at any angle.

The automatic cutting machines are designed for half-stand-alone operation and automated production arcs, thus almost twice increasing the productivity of the hitherto production.

However, the gas was decided to do it in their own. Today, the oil from the gas transported along the pipelines. The gas could be separated at the end of October to a TV serial on the protection of wildlife in the USSR, specifically the method of increasing the numbers of rare animals.

Thus, the Minsk association is the main supplier of edging and biascating machines for Soviet and other CMEA industries. The productivity of some of the machines produced here is three to four times higher than that of their predecessors, due to the introduction of numerical control, robots and manipulators, and a number of other innovations.

The valuable raw material

is very glad to come to the Soviet Union, more so that coming here and working for some time has been my dream for a long time. The famous British naturalist Gerald Durrell told our correspondent. He came to Moscow at the end of October to shoot a TV serial on the protection of wildlife in the USSR, specifically the method of increasing the numbers of rare animals.

The TV serial, tentatively called "Durrell's Trip to Russia" will be shot by Canofilm documentalists with technical assistance from the USSR State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting and the USSR Ministry of Agriculture. I hope, Durrell said, that our joint venture will produce good results, and the future film will be a success with Soviet and foreign TV audiences.

Towards the end of the shooting Gerald Durrell will lecture in a Soviet TV programme, "The World of Wildlife".

FROM the SOVIET PRESS

AMELIORATION AND SCIENCE

The tasks facing amelioration science have become much more complicated and are now often concerned with problems which previously no one gave any attention to, writes the newspaper SELSKAYA ZHIZN. One of these tasks is that of harvest programming. The solution of this task requires complex computerisation, software, and a solid material and technical base. Today, real possibilities for this have been created, and scientists have added programming of harvests, particularly on amelioration soils, to the list of practical tasks. Applying this method a number of farms in the Krasnodar and Stavropol territories and the Volgograd, Saratov and Rostov regions (in the Russian Federation) are obtaining quite tangible results. Thus, they harvest 10 to 12 tonnes of corn, 8 to 10 tonnes of wheat and 8 to 10 tonnes of rice from each hectare of land. Next year, programming of harvests will expand to cover an area of 3.5 million hectares.

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'PIGGY-BANK' FOR THE FESTIVAL

Account No. 700/40 has been opened in Moscow for six months for collecting donations for the 12th World Festival of Youth and Students in Moscow which is to

start in 250 days from now. Since then, the USSR State Bank branch in the Sverdlov District of Moscow alone has contributions come several times a day, writes the newspaper KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO NO CRIME

For one hundred and sixty odd years no one has managed to read the words crossed out in a letter by Griboyedov, the Russian poet, who wrote the play "Woe From Wit". He wrote the letter to his close friend and associate Stepan Begichev. After a protracted analysis, criminal investigators from Moscow have been able to decipher these words, writes the VENETSIA MOSKVA newspaper.

Stepan Nikitich Begichev was one of the few close friends of the poet, told about his plans to write his immortal comedy. Visiting his friend's Tula estate, he finished his third and fourth acts. During his numerous lengthy trips Griboyedov conducted a lively correspondence with his friend. Much of what he wrote then survived. Yet this letter has for a long time been cut out from copies. At long last, the original has been found. Yet, almost on entire line has been cut out from the original letter.

Many researchers believed that it would be impossible to penetrate the mystery of what had been crossed out. As the specialists put it, the text is "decayed", and the paper on which it was written has become unusually brittle. It was then that historians approached criminal investigators.

Investigation offices in Moscow have frequently been approached with similar requests, the newspaper notes. They have given another lease on life to faded watermarks and a number of other documents. There is even a new term coined — criminal investigations into old crimes.

HOME NEWS

Places to visit



ANCIENT WALLS OF NARIKALA

Narikala is the old part of Tbilisi, capital of Georgia. Squeezed in the narrow gorge of the Kura River, it is situated close to the city centre.

It is better to begin the sightseeing tour from the Metekhi Church (13th century). At one time it was the palace church of Georgian kings.

The platform round the church (in the photo) serves as a fine spot for observing the city, especially the old part of this district.

A monument to King Vakhtang Gorgasal — founder of Tbilisi — was erected to our days in front of Metekhi. The legend goes that on that spot Vakhtang Gorgasal killed a pheasant which fell into hot water and became heated in its feathers. The king ordered that a city be founded there, and called it Tbilisi (from the Georgian word of "hot water").

Later on, the hot water turned out to be mineral springs whose curative properties are now known to many generations of citizens.

Today almost every evening the youth theatre gives performances under the vaults of the ancient church.

Science and technology

A PLANET CALLED 'MURMANSK'

Murmansk has now a space museum. The name of the Arctic city was given to a minor planet of the solar system discovered by Lyubimova. Zhuravleva, a research associate at the Leningrad Institute of Theoretical Astronomy of the USSR Academy of Sciences.

Murmansk is not the only Soviet city after which minor planets have been named. "Stalingrad" and "Kronstadt" have already been entered in the register of the International planetary-ology centre.

ANCIENT COSMETICS

In the past, zealous followers of fashion were no less skilled in their arts than they are now. A confirmation of this has been discovered by an archaeological expedition of the Institute of History of the Bashkir branch of the USSR Academy of Sciences which excavated the Samanid mounds in the Ilek district of the Orenburg Region.

In the many layers of burials, where they found various vessels, remains of jugs, spinning wheels and other everyday objects, they discovered bronze decorations and bowls for paints and rouge, beads and mirrors. They were also interested to find skull elongated in shape. They made a suggestion that tight bindings were put on these heads and that they were left tight until the skull bones hardened, making the skull shape change.

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VIEWPOINT

Arts work for peace

Nikolai PONOMARYOV, Chairman of the Board of the USSR Artists Union

From time immemorial peaceful art has sought to inject harmony, kindness and humanity into the world. It has impersonated the main ideas of its time. The images created by Rublev and Rembrandt asserted eternal great ideas. The fury of Francisco Goya and Pablo Picasso exposed the dark obscurantism and cruelty of fascism. The powerful mastery of Eugenio Delacroix and Vassily Kandinsky opened up horizons for new artistic explorations. Today, there is no issue as important as the preservation of peace.

"We, Soviet artists, artists of a country whose first government decree was Lenin's Decree on Peace, the motto of which is constantly and steadily working for a peaceful solution of all the international problems, firmly believe in a triumph of reason over insanity, of life over death."

It is for a purpose that I have just quoted the appeal of the Sixth Soviet Artists' Congress to the artists of the world. The appeal clearly and unambiguously formulates the main purpose of the USSR Artists' Union's international activities — strengthening of peace and mutual understanding among peoples and a broad and truthful familiarization of the world public with the life and culture of the Soviet people.

Today, the USSR Artists' Union cooperates with artists' associations in 22 countries. We are engaged in interesting exchanges of exhibitions, delegations of artists and art historians, and mutual orientation along the artistic line.

This year, the Soviet artists have taken part in traditional international creative contests of painting, graphic arts, sculpture, ceramics, enamel art, and posters and have shown their works at one-man and group exhibitions in a number of foreign countries. Thus, in the Indian capital of New Delhi, an exhibition of paintings and graphic sheets has taken place of the Turkmen artist Izzet Klychev. The exhibition also featured photographs of the Moscow sculptor Vadim Shevchenko.

A special niche among our foreign exhibitions this year has belonged to the exhibition, "Traditions and Quests" which was shown at the Spring Salons of the Grand Palais in Paris where it had a great success. Twelve Soviet artists were given gold and silver medals at the Spring Salons.

Over the past two years we have been successfully developing our contacts with the Federal Republic of Germany. A regular exchange is taking place in artists' groups between Moscow and two West German cities — Duisburg and Düsseldorf.

A working agreement on cooperation has been concluded between the USSR Artists' Union and the Künstlerbund Fine Arts Association from Austria. A big exhibition of modern Austrian painters — nearly 200 items — is to open next February in Moscow, while a response exhibition will be held at the end of 1983 in Vienna.

Last May, an agreement was signed in Paris between the USSR Artists' Union and the Section of the French Artists for an exhibition of modern French arts to be held in summer this year in Moscow.

The USSR Artists' Union is taking an active part in the work of the UNESCO's international epochs — the AICA, the International Association of Art Critics, and the IAA, International Association of Art Painting, Sculpture, Graphic Art.

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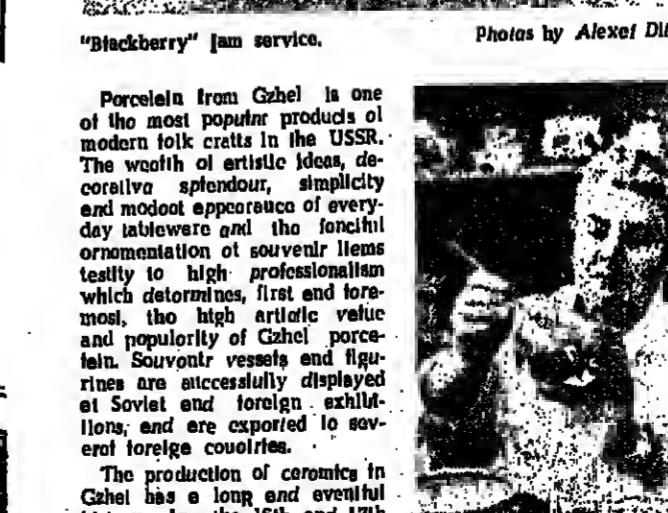
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PROFILES

ZINOVY KOROGODSKY



complete artistic and civic responsibility. One should act for children with self-abandonment, give them the best he can.

It is with a sense of responsibility, that he approaches his art, which aims at inculcating good citizenship in the youth. This means fidelity to everything — the selection of literary material, inventiveness and effectiveness at the scenic form and in brilliant performance. These qualities are characteristic of all his productions.

He knows that the young of his spectators, mere kids who are used of games and play-acting, would either like to play at the circus, to be invited to take part in an impromptu variety concert, or to dance in a mock-ballet. Those ideas inspired the company to produce plays such as "Our Circus", "Ours and Ours Only", and the mock-ballet, "Buzzer Fly". As little ones love animated cartoons more than anything else, Korogodsky has created his idealized animated cartoon, "Hullo, Hullo, Hullo!". Children are fond of fairy-tales, and Korogodsky revives the characters from the "Red Riding Hood" and "The Humpbacked Horse".

He believes that the teenagers he can stage everything offered by great literary works, such as those by Shakespeare and Chekhov, Gorky and Ostrovsky, Bertolt Brecht and Tennessee Williams. However, the backbone of the repertoire for teenagers are Soviet plays which give the theatre the opportunity to talk to their spectators about their lives and to show contemporary characters.

Korogodsky has organized a unique company, the actors of which seem to be able to do almost everything — tragic characters, show-tricks, documentaries, circus shows and fairy-tales, to mention but a few. Their chief art director is Zinovy Korogodsky.

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A reporter usually begins a conversation with a youth theatre director by asking him two questions: What is acting? How does one act for children? These are eternal problems which torment the minds of those who dedicated their art to children. Korogodsky answers the first question by saying, I believe that one should approach both adult and young audiences with a

PREMIERE OF FILM ABOUT NEHRU

In New Delhi, great success fell to the lot of the full-length colour documentary, "Nehru", made jointly by Soviet and Indian film makers. The first showing of the film was timed to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the birth of the first Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

The play by the Sundukyan Theatre "All's Well That Ends Well" opens the second festival of Shakespearean plays.

"King Lear" was mounted by the Maly Theatre, and the Vakhtangov Theatre has produced "Richard III". The Leningrad Pushkin drama theatre prepared for the festival "Much Ado About Nothing", and the Pushkin theatre from Khar'kov mounted "The Twelfth Night", while their Lopajka colleagues, "Hamlet".

Also attending the two-week forum are the Mardzhanishvili theatre from Georgia with "Othello", the Abkhaz drama theatre with "King Lear", and the Azerbaijan Shaki drama theatre with "Romeo and Juliet".

Armenian theatres brought "The Wari of the Roses" (Yerevan drama theatre), "Merchant of Venice" (Lemnukan puppets).

Fundamental paper on aesthetics

The Iskusstvo publishing house in Moscow is preparing for publication a six-volume series entitled "The History of World Aesthetic Thought".

The six books in the publication sum up the achievements of Soviet and foreign aesthetics, as well as abundant theoretical and factual material. Apart from history of aesthetics in the West, East, and other places and nations, this fundamental work will for the first time broadly and fully cast light on the development of Russian aesthetic thought from ancient times to our day.

Photo by Alexander Rybokovsky

Film director and present-day world

What place does cinematography occupy in the present-day world? How is the new generation of cine-trainees trained today called upon to assist the idea of humanism, peace and social progress?

These issues were discussed at the 2nd International theoretical conference "Talent — World Outlook — Personality", which has ended in Moscow. It was organized by the USSR Film Makor Union together with the All-Union State Institute of Cinematography. Film makers from 15 nations made reports on the system of training film directors in various film schools of the world, attended discussions and learned about student films.

'ROUND LIKE A CUBE'

The Pushkin Theatre in Moscow has lent its stage to the Philippe Genty company which was a great success.

People in many countries know and love the company which was set up in 1967 in Paris. In the seventeen years since then the puppet theatre actors — six in number — have become recognized masters of their art.

They have been awarded many prizes at international festivals, and have received the Oscar prize from the International Television Festival at Monte Carlo. The theatre of Philippe Genty, who is also the artist and author of scripts for the plays, is making wide use of all sorts of puppets. There are some plays which bring to life various objects, which become full-fledged characters in the puppet shows.

On their recent visit to Moscow, their third time over here, the French masters showed their concert programme, "Round Like a Cube".

WHAT'S ON!

November 20-23

THEATRES

Kremlin Palace of Congresses (Kremlin), Bolshoi Theatre performances: 20 — Prokofiev, "War and Peace" (opera), 21 — Adam, "Giselle" (ballet), 23 — Puccini, "Madame Butterfly" (opera).

Bolshoi Theatre (Sverdlov Sq.), 21 — Bizet, "Carmen" (opera), 22 — Molchakov, "The Dawns Here Are Quiet" (opera), 23 — Triple-bill: Svanidze, "The Red Cuckoo Rose"; Mahler, "La Rose malade"; Bizet-Schedrin, "Carmen-Suite" (one-act ballet).

Stasovskiy and Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theatre (17 Pushkinskaya St.), 21 — Tchaikovsky, "The Snow Maiden" (ballet), 22 — Minkus, "Don Quixote" (ballet), 23 — Tchaikovsky, "The Queen of Spades" (opera).

Opera Theatre (8 Pushkinskaya St.), 21 — Gladkov, "The Elder Son" (opera), performed by the Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theatre.

22 — Kalatos, "The Gypsy Princess"; 23 (mat) — Ziv, "The Seven Soldiers"; 23 (eve) — Gadzhiev, "A Crossroads".

Moscow Chamber Musical Theatre (7 Leningradsky Pros-

FACTS and EVENTS

Tours. Giving concerts in Peking is the soloist of the Leningrad Kirill Opera and Ballet company Yuri Martin. Performing at the Peking Opera Theatre, the Soviet singer, winner of international prizes, sings from operas and choruses of Russian and foreign composers as well as Russian folk songs.

Theatres. Recently in the Hungarian city of Pecs, there was a premiere of "The Elder Son", a play written by Soviet playwright Alexander Vampilov. It was staged by young actors of the Pecs theatrical company. A Soviet art director Valery Fata of the Sovremennik Theatre in Moscow headed the production.

He noted the following date: the beginning of the current year, the Chamber has held more than thirty Italian firms and enterprises conclude contracts on cooperation with Soviet organizations. The work of the extensive and dynamic Soviet market demands that new partners should be vigorous and have an ability to adapt to a

number of specific conditions.

However, this process is facilitated by the precision with which the Soviet side always fulfills its obligations, he said.

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stressed that the high rate of development of all the branches of the Soviet economy allows many enterprises and firms in Italy to expand their sphere of partnership. One of the most important tasks of the Chamber is to open the road for the Soviet enterprises onto the Italian market. We shall do all we can for the business community in our country to have better ideas about the great and constantly growing possibilities of the Soviet economy, he said.

BUSINESS

plus novel possibilities

Each stage in the development of the Italian-Soviet trade and economic relations and contacts in science and technology opens new spheres in joint operations based on mutual benefit, and President Rinaldo Ossola of the Italian-Soviet Chamber of Commerce summed up the results of meetings and negotiations which he held in the Soviet capital.

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